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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/505,263 for
Cloning and characterization of SLC26A6, SLC26A1, and SLC26A2
anion exchangers
Our Ref. No. 1242/50/2 PCT/US

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) in duplicate;
3. Copy of PCT International Search Report and Notification of Transmittal;
4. Copies of cited references (4 references); and
5. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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A copy of the International Search Report is included herewith.

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Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

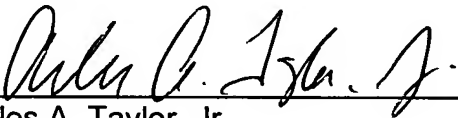
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	1.	WO00/26245	05/11/2000	WIPO	Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc.		NO
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	2.	International Search Report and Notification of Transmittal dated July 12, 2006					
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